

Minutes

**National Library of Medicine
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)
October 21-22, 2020
Minutes of Meeting**

The ninety-first meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM)) convened virtually at 10:00 AM, October 21, 2020. Dr. Scott LeMaire, Chairman of the Committee, presided. In accordance with P.L. 92-463 and the determination of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), the meeting was announced in the Federal Register. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(9)(B), Title 5, U.S.C., Pub. L. 92-463, the meeting was closed to the public for the review and discussion of journals as potential titles to be indexed by the NLM.

For the Record¹

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Pamela Bagley
Dr. Luisa DiPietro
Dr. Melissa Haendel
Dr. Scott LeMaire
Dr. Alan Louie
Dr. Nancy Lowe
Dr. Elijah Paintsil
Dr. Kelly Sandberg
Dr. Marina Sokolsky-Papkov
Dr. Angela Arenas-Gamboa
Dr. Armand Antommara
Dr. Henry Young
Dr. Sharon Greenblum

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Dr. Kristen Greenland

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Dingbo Lin

NLM STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Dianne Babski
Mr. Philip Banh
Ms. Kristina Elliott
Ms. Kathryn Funk
Mr. David Gillikin
Ms. Jennifer Marill
Ms. Julie Silverman
Dr. Lauren Topper
Ms. Beth Weston
Ms. Judith Eannarino
Ms. Erin Zellers
Mr. Kelly Chris
Ms. Rebecca Black
Dr. Kathel Dunn
Ms. Allie McDougall
Ms. Kate Majewski
Mr. Levi Dolan
Ms. Amanda Sawyer
Ms. Brianna Chatmon
Ms. Allison Cruise

¹ It is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Committee is discussing journal titles in which a conflict of interest might occur.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Scott LeMaire called the meeting to order at 10:00AM, Wednesday, October 21, 2020, and welcomed members, consultants, and NLM staff.

II. Administrative Matters

A. Introductions:

Dr. Scott LeMaire welcomed and introduced the new LSTRC members whose terms began in the Fall of 2020.

B. Consideration of the minutes from the June 2020 meeting:

The minutes were approved as written.

C. Conflict of Interest Forms:

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to LSTRC members prior to the meeting, and were completed before members participated.

D. Dates of future meetings:

- Winter 2021: February 25-26, 2021 (Confirmed)
- Spring 2021: June 24-25, 2021 (Confirmed)
- Fall 2021: October 28-29, 2021 (Confirmed)
- Winter 2022: February 24-25 2022 (Proposed)
- Summer 2022: June 23-24 2022 (Proposed)
- Fall 2022: October 27-28, 2022 (Proposed)

III. Director's Report

Dr. Brennan updated the LSTRC on several of the NLM's recent efforts and initiatives. Most NLM staff are continuing to telework full time during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, yet have been able to continue carrying out the mission of the NLM and providing services to the public. The renovation of the NLM's physical space on the NIH campus is continuing as scheduled; staff will have completed moving out of affected areas in December 2020 and the renovation is expected to be completed in early to mid-2023. As the need for visitors to come onsite to access the physical NLM collection has lessened, the plan is to turn these public spaces into a vibrant space that will better meet current needs. In June, the NLM launched a preprint pilot, which already has over 1000 preprints accessible, and the Legacy PubMed has been replaced with a new interface.

Dr. Brennan spoke about supporting the NIH's commitment to science. She announced that 5 new committees have been formed under the direction of Dr. Collins to guide the NIH's response to the health effects of systemic racism, including looking at stakeholder experiences, examining the internal and extramural workforces, and focusing on new research on health disparities/inequities. Dr. Brennan noted the NLM's involvement with the NIH-wide initiative around Senescence, which examines cell functions and lifecycles as part of efforts to better understand the aging process. She also spoke about the All of Us program which is aimed at supporting NIH engagement in the community.

Finally, Dr. Brennan solicited feedback from the LSTRC regarding the ongoing role of the LSTRC in the integrity of the NLM literature repository, as well as the NLM strategic plan. She invited committee members to contact her directly with comments.

IV. Examination and Review of Titles

A total of 83 titles were reviewed at the meeting. The review of titles began on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 11:10 AM and continued until 12:30 PM. The committee resumed the review of titles in the afternoon at 2:00 PM, following the Director's report, and continued until 4:00 PM. Reviews began again at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 22, 2020 and continued until 12:30 PM. The committee resumed reviews after the break at 1:30 PM and concluded at 3:20 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

V. Certification

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and complete.

Dianne Babski
Scientific Review Administrator

Scott LeMaire
Chairman